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PRESS INFORMATION

500 WEDDINGS PLANNED - AND THE TRADITIONAL WEDDING VENUES STAND THE TEST OF TIME

As one of the leading north west wedding planners based in Manchester, Liz Taylor, managing director of the award-winning Taylor Lynn Corporation (TLC) celebrates her company's 15th anniversary and her own 24th year in the wedding industry this month, she has revealed her company's ten most popular wedding venue requests over the last 15 years and, in spite of some unusual, challenging and often bizarre requests during that time, the traditional venues take the top spots.

Liz has organised over 200 weddings in the last 15 years, and over 500 in her extensive career as the leading north west wedding planner, and has planned the "big day" for a wide variety of private clients, sports personalities and celebrities, with clients such as Coronation Street actor Alan Halsall and his actress wife Lucy-Jo Hudson, and, England and Manchester United football player Gary Neville and wife Emma.

TLC's top ten wedding venue requests from 1995 to this year are:

1. Villa Ephrussi, France
2. Ca Sagredo, Venice
3. The Midland Hotel, Manchester
4. Tatton Park, Cheshire
5. The Grove, Watford
6. Great John Street Hotel, Manchester
7. The Elvetham, Hampshire
8. The Lowry Hotel, Manchester
9. The Savoy, London
10. Ashford Castle, Galway

Liz Taylor commented that: "I saw a move towards the more unusual requests in the late 90s – hot air balloon weddings, mountain top venues and even one for a wedding at the top of the Statue of Liberty - but generally I think brides still have a fairytale view of their big day and so the stately homes, luxury hotels and more traditional venues are eternally popular."

She added: "What has changed dramatically is the number of requests for international wedding venues, which has doubled since 1995, but even the weddings that we plan in Europe tend to use traditional venues such as Venetian palaces, French chateaus and the leading luxury hotels.

"The other big influence on wedding venues in the last five years has of course been the decline in the economy. Our brides have still wanted that luxury feel to their wedding, but haven't been quite as willing to spend big. This is why we have seen an increase in marquee events, particularly in the last two years, which utilize people's homes and gardens much more."

Established in 1995, TLC offer the services of both an award winning north west wedding planner based in Manchester and leading corporate event organiser, turning over in excess of £4M per year and employing over 25 people in Manchester. The company is based on a £0.5 million, ½ acre site on the edge of Manchester city centre, which has been redeveloped to house TLC's company headquarters and showrooms. Clients have included LVMH, Manchester United, Coronation Street, Thomas Cook Airlines, Rocco Forte Hotels, Granada and UEFA.

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- Biography & images of Liz Taylor available at - www.tlc-ltd.co.uk/tlc_ltd_press_room
- Hi Res event images available
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